(c) NABARD provides refinance to banks under Integrated Rural Development Project (IRDP). Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and other Government sponsored activities. A special line of credit is available in respect of SC/ST Action Plan and the details of disbursement in respect of these activities for the last 3 years is given below:

(Rs. Lakhs)

Year	IRDP & other Govt. Sponsored Scheme	SC/ST Action Plan
1996-97	3611	84
1997-98	6394	157
1998-99	8522	109

(d) The above figures in (a), (b) & (c) indicates NABARD's refinance to banks which banks claim as reimbursement after they have sanctioned and disbursed the loans to beneficiaries. Therefore, the questions of grass root banks refusing to distribute the loans sanctioned by NABARD does not arise.

Storage of Papers Concerning Income Tax Returns

701. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minsiter of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Times of India dated the 14th September, 1999 under the caption "Records rot in toilet of Income Tax Office";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken for the proper storage of highly sensitive papers concerning Income Tax returns of thousands of Income Tax payers and other secret documents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Though space is not plentiful, certainly toilets are not the place to store records.

(c) Sensitive and secret papers are always stored at places that are both secure and safe. There has been an increase in the number of Income Tax returns and other records. At Delhi, the department is taking steps to augment office space by hiring or purchasing more space, by going for new construction and by seeking advice from space storage consultants.

Non-Compliance of Income-Tax Laws by the Employees of MNCs

†702. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have incurred heavy loss because of foreign employees of multinational companies keeping their salaries abroad and not complying the tax payment related laws;

(b) if so, the approximate loss during the last three years;

(c) the names of the companies the employees of which have not complied with tax payment related laws; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for compliance of tax payment related laws by these employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) During the financial year 1998-99, it was noticed that a number of multinational companies did not deduct tax at source in respect of part of the salaries paid to their employees abroad for services rendered in India. There has been no loss of revenue because taxes in full, and additionally interest, amounting to more than Rs. 640/- crore has already been recovered by the Income Tax Department.

(c) The names of the companies which have not complied with TDS provisions are given in Statement (*See* below)

(d) Surveys u/s 133 A of Income Tax Act, 1961, have been conducted on a number of multinational companies. Penalty u/s 271C of the Act for failure to deduct tax at source has since been levied in a few cases and such proceedings in respect of others are in progress. Statutory interest has also been charged. Further, the TDS returns filed by employers are being scrutinised for necessary verificaiton.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.